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TITLE OF INVENTION

Hybrid Polymers for Functional Tuning of Microfluidic Device Surfaces

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which was filed on 15 July 2003 as PCT International Application No. PCT/US03/22162.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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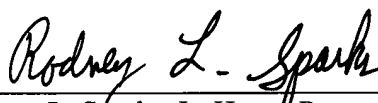
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